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Applicants:

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION

September 24, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

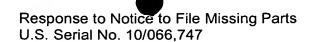
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Reissue Application (Filing Date Granted) mailed April 24, 2002, enclosed please find the following, in connection with the above-identified application:

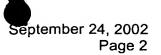
(1) The properly signed Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63, identifying the application by Application No. 10/066,747 and filing date.

Also enclosed is the necessary fee for late filing of the Declaration.

Further enclosed is a Consent of Assignee for the above-identified application.

Entry of the enclosed Declaration and Consent of Assignee, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, including in light of the documents submitted in the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement, are respectfully requested.





To the extent necessary, Applicants' petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing docket no. 520.30414R51), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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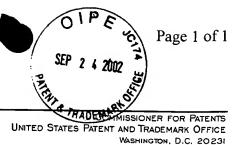
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this reissue application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity

• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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